Extension of runway at Mysore Airport

2642. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up the extension of the existing runway of the Mysore Airport and night landing facility;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the above work and the amount released so far;

(c) by when the above work is likely to be completed;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to connect Mysore to other destinations by air;

(e) the details of the private air operators who have agreed to operate flights to Mysore from other destinations; and

(f) whether the studies conducted by the Airports Authority of India had found Mysore to be a viable destination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Airlines are free to operate anywhere in India subject to compliance of the Route dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government. At present, no scheduled operator including private scheduled operators are operating their services to/from Mysore.

(f) Airports Authority of India has not conducted any survey/ study of Mysore to determine its viability.

Rationalisation of routes between AI and IA

2643. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has asked the Government to redistribute domestic routes between itself and Air India;